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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, China and Asian Satellites Division, OCI

25X1A ATTENTION : [REDACTED], CAS/MB  
THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS  
FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)  
SUBJECT : Harbin Tank Repair Factory, China  
REFERENCES : (1) OCI Requirement No. C-CI3-80,590  
(2) CIA/PID Project No. C 1307/63

1. This memorandum is in answer to the above referenced requirement which requests a photographic enlargement and description of the reported tank repair factory in Harbin, Communist China.

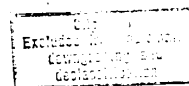
2. An annotated photo enlargement (CIA/PID/IB-P-758/63) of the possible tank repair factory (plant No. 674) is enclosed. This plant is situated southeast of the San-k'o-shu grade crossing in the eastern suburbs of Harbin. The plant is secured by a wall and is rail served. The rail line enters the plant from the north and separates into three sidings. The first siding is the shortest and only services a loading platform. The other two sidings extend into the factory as far as the steam plant. The factory has two large machine shops, at least one foundry, a steam plant, two motor pools, a housing and administration area and many small shop and storage type buildings. The absence of overhead piping could indicate that all required pipelines, such as steam, are under ground. The plant has no large rail served storage yard, other than that used for coal. The possible transfer crane near the southeast corner of the largest machine shop building appears to be the only permanent facility for loading and unloading heavy shipments from railroad cars. A railroad loading platform near the northeast corner of the largest machine shop building appears to be the most active loading facility in the plant. Many objects and possibly a small mobile crane can be seen on this platform. Due to the [REDACTED] of the site, it appears that work has stopped on the large building under construction on the eastern side of the plant area.

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25X1D 3. It is difficult to determine if this plant was in operation at the time of photography [REDACTED]. Only two hopper-type cars are on the plant's rail sidings. No cars or trucks are moving on road system within the plant area. No smoke is being emitted from the numerous smoke stacks

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associated with the plant buildings. The only sign of life or activity is a small wisp of steam originating from the vicinity of the northwest corner of the coal storage area. The facilities in this plant would not lend themselves to the manufacture of heavy immobile objects, such as large castings. This plant is more adaptable to the casting, machining and finishing of small parts. The actual assembly of these parts could be performed in this plant or these parts could be shipped to other plants for assembly.

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4. The analyst on this project was [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2546, should you have any further questions concerning this project. This is considered a completed answer to the requirement.

ENCLOSURES:

1 Annotated Photo Enlargement  
(CIA/PID/IB-P-758/63)

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